



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Consultant ☒/PSA ☐

Minimum number of years of relevant experience required: 1yr ☐ 5yrs ☒ 12+yrs ☐

Title : Epidemiologist, Risk Assessment and Risk Mitigation Expert	
Division/Department : Resilience, Emergencies and Rehabilitation in West Africa (REOWA)	
Programme/Project reference : SFERA 001 – Baby 66	
Location : Freetown, Sierra Leone / Monrovia, Liberia / Conakry, Guinea / Dakar, Senegal (according to given preference and needs)	
Expected Start Date of Assignment: ASAP	Duration : 3 months
Reports to : Gabriel Rugalema	Title : FAO Representative
General Description of task(s) and objectives to be achieved	
<p>In the framework of the FAO response to the epidemic of Ebola viral disease (EVD) in West Africa, under the administrative supervision of the FAO Representative in the country, in collaboration with the FAO Regional Office in Accra and the Regional Hub for Resilience, Emergencies and Rehabilitation in West Africa / Sahel in Dakar (REOWA), the international consultant will assist with aspects of knowledge and reducing the risk of inter-species transmission and spread of the Ebola virus program. To this end, he/she will perform the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the achievement of the study on value chains of bushmeat; Identify and map critical control points along the value chains of bushmeat and propose a monitoring protocol at the Human / wildlife interface; Assess risk of virus spillover from wildlife and transmission to humans, domestic animals and animal products; Develop risk management options to mitigate the risk of transmission of the Ebola virus to humans with a focus at the human/wildlife interface; Contribute to the formulation and implementation of programs to strengthen emergency preparedness planning and response national capacities to prevent and respond high-threatened animal diseases, including public awareness, in a One Health approach; Facilitate the establishment and strengthening of institutional and operational relationships with key stakeholders involved in the prevention and response to the EVD either at central level (Central Veterinary Services, MoH, Ministry in charge of wildlife, WHO, UNICEF, etc.) and district level (veterinary and wildlife decentralized water and forestry, health workers, NGOs) through participation in intersectoral meetings, joint organization of trainings, preparation, production and dissemination of educational and communication/social mobilization materials etc.; Perform any other duties upon request from the Head of the Regional Hub for Resilience, Emergencies and Rehabilitation in West Africa / Sahel or the FAO country Representative; Submit a report at the end of its mission. 	
Key performance indicators	
Expected outputs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Critical control points (CCPs) along the bush meat value chains are identified and mapped An evaluation of virus transmission and options for risk mitigation are formulated Surveillance protocol at the interface human / wildlife Final report 	Required completion dates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two weeks after completion of the value chains study on bushmeat Two weeks after the mapping of CCPs are for 2 et 3 Once the mission is completed
Required competencies	
Education and relevant experience <p>Epidemiologist with a specialization or proven 5 year experience on epidemiology, risk analysis on public health / animal health. Professional experience in the country or sub-region is highly desirable.</p>	

Other competencies

- **Languages skills:** Fluent in English or French and working knowledge of the other one desirable
- Proficiency in computer skills and current use of the Internet
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team and multicultural environment;
- Women are encouraged to apply;
- Experience within FAO is an asset.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants are required to create an online Personal Profile form (PPF) in iRecruitment. To create the PPF, please follow the instructions available at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/>

The PPF should be sent via email to: VA-100-FAOSN@fao.org

Deadline for applications: 3 November 2014

Applications received after the closing date will not be given consideration. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.